

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 25-45 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting. Terminal Disclaimers were required by the Examiner over claims 1-7 of US Application No. 11/537,879 and claims 1-36 of US Application No. 11/537,874. Applicants are enclosing copies of a letters for Express Abandonment under 37 CFR §1.138 in US Patent Applications Nos. 11/537,874 and 11/537,879. Abandonment of said applications obviates the need for Terminal Disclaimers in the present case and places the cases in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner send a Notice of Allowance.

Consideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6672.

The fees pf \$230.00 for the 2-month extension of time and \$405.00 for the RCE will be paid online via EFS. It is believed that no other fee is due, however, in the event that another fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 26-0290.

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Enclosures:

- Copy of Notice of Express Abandonment for U.S. Patent Application No. 11/537,874
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